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Business Change

F. A. Sargent sells Theatre

Ernest Leatherman and Wm. G. Johnson will take charge of the Roy Theater Friday morning and their first show will be Saturday night. The program is "Hells Crater" a five reel feature also a reel of Charlie Chaplin or Fatty Arbuckle.

They will run for a few weeks in the present location a new location not decided yet.

Their aim is to get in the Raton Dawson circuit and show the same pictures as shown at these places.

Arrangements are being considered for enlarging the power plant and increasing the light power so they can show with the same candle power as Dawson and other places.

A baby boy arrived at the home of Walter Ross last week. Another addition to the Democratic Party, "May their tribe increase".

Base Ball

The Roy Base Ball Team will play the Tucumcari team on the Roy diamond Sunday.

Tucumcari Fourth Annual Round-Up August 20th, 21st, 22nd 1919. \$5,000.00 in cash prizes.

The round-up this is going to be one of the biggest in history and Tucumcari wants to everybody there, for it is going to "Some Doins".

You cannot afford to miss this Big Round-Up, for the riders such as Bugger Red and all the famous riders. Hotel rates, restaurant rates and etc, will be reasonable with no "Sting" simply because the doings are on.

Write now for and make your hotel reservations.

Melville Floorsheim left for California Sunday for a two weeks vacation.

F. S. Brown is home again after spending several days at different places in the interest of the North Eastern N. M. Oil Co.

The well drill has arrived and Mr. Bagwell is on the job with two men getting ready to drill for that long needed city well.

Alex Holmes is here visiting his parents. He has been agent at Montoya and is on his vacation.

Dick Dietrich came down from Dawson Monday and is helping with the harvest.

R. F. Moore of Mosquero, was in town Wednesday on business

LIBERTY

Barney Mitchell and family of Dawson visited the parental Mitchell home last Sunday.

T. M. Ogden and wife, Geo Lucas, wife and son were the Sunday guests of L. A. Brown and daughter.

"Buster" Woodward and family recently of Arizona are visiting the parental Canon home

Everyone in this neighborhood is very busy harvesting their wheat crop.

On account of so much other work we are unable to set all the Liberty news this week.

"FREEDOM ONLY THROUGH LAW"

A Professor of Law at Harvard University Gives His Views on Ratification

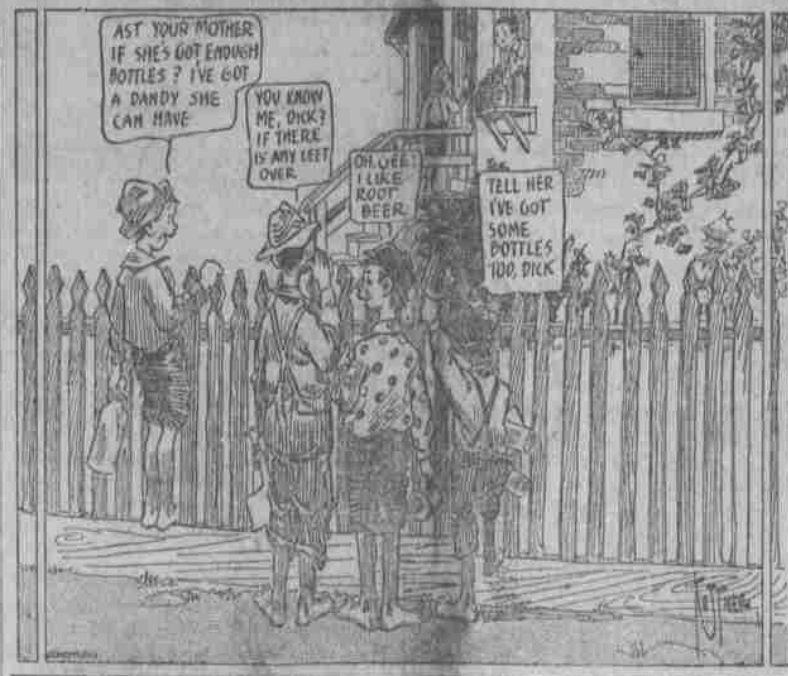
One of the striking facts about the international history of the past several hundred years is the clocklike regularity with which at the beginning of each century cataclysmic world wars have broken out and threatened the onward march of civilization, in spite of the contrary desires of the great mass of the world's people. At the beginning of the seventeenth century it was the bloody Thirty Years' War which devastated Europe like a plague; at the beginning of the eighteenth century it was the long struggle between Louis XIV and the Allied States of Europe; at the beginning of the nineteenth it was the far-reaching Napoleonic Wars which swept Europe like a consuming fire. At the conclusion of every one of these wracking wars the statesmen of an exhausted Europe, sincerely anxious to guarantee and secure the future peace of the world, concluded epoch-making treaties, by which the map of Europe was substantially remade, in the full belief that the formula had at last been found for a permanent and enduring peace. Yet each peace proved as transitory as the one which preceded it; and at the beginning of the twentieth century we have found ourselves once again plunged, quite against the wishes of the great majority of mankind, into a cataclysmic struggle, recalling all the savagery of the Thirty Years' War three centuries before.

Cause and effect are changeless and eternal; can any one who reads history truly doubt that if we conclude a peace today, no different in substance or structure from the Peace of Münster of 1648, the Treaty of Utrecht of 1713, or the Treaty of Vienna of 1815, it will be only a question of time till we are once again engulfed in an even more terrible world war than that through which we have just passed? If the Treaty of 1919 does no more than to rearrange boundaries and impose indemnities, if it allows the continuation of the old international lawlessness, and fails to organize international society into an ordered community of states, there can be no mistaking the fact that all the agony of the past four years will have been largely in vain; for as surely as night follows day, within a measurable period of time we shall have to face the same agony again.

International lawlessness may have suited well enough at a time when states were in fact self-sufficing and insulated units. But that time has passed. Whether we like it or no, internationalism has come in fact. Since the Industrial Revolution some great nations have transformed themselves from agricultural into great industrial communities; the very existence of these nations depends upon the uninterrupted international exchange of their manufactured goods for raw products and foodstuffs. If England were cut off from international intercourse today who would starve inside of a few months. Morally and psychologically, no less than economically, nations have ceased to be isolated units. The national Prussian theory of the State, and the Prussian belief that might is a force of more practical value than right, has borne its international fruitage in the wreckage of homes all around the world. The Bolshevism of Russia is the vital concern of America on the opposite hemisphere. Dependency and interplay of nation upon nation constitutes an actual internationalism that will not be denied; and if we will have our law accord with the existing facts which have temporarily outdistanced it, we must develop in our law a real internationalism. Otherwise, our international law will be and can be only futile theory, with no power to control actual conduct; for no law which is out of accord with existing facts can prove a real factor in human development. If therefore there is to be such a thing in the future as international law, there must be some legal organization of international society; in some form or other there must be a League of Nations.

Paradoxical as it may seem, freedom can come only through law. The absolute individual freedom which the anarchist dreams of in a society without government is in fact a logical impossibility; because the removal of all restraint by the social organization could only mean that the liberty of each would be put at the mercy of every other individual who cared to rob, or plunder or wreck another's home. It is only by curbing the anti-social and criminal impulses of all that each member of

Like Flies Around a Sugar Barrel



the community can attain that security and freedom from intolerable interference which makes possible freedom of action and liberty of life.

This self-evident principle is clearly true of international, no less than of national life. If within the family of nations there is no method of restraining or keeping in check the criminal state, if every nation is free to follow its unbridled and chaotic

ambitions, no people can be free to follow its own chosen destiny and desires. Under the system of international lawlessness which has prevailed in the past there has been in fact no real freedom or national independence. Prussia complained that she dare not disarm because she feared the French war of revanche; France was forced against her will to adopt a burdensome system of military conscription because of Prussia's army. Nations which wanted peace were compelled to build huge navies and burden their populations with heavy taxes in preparation for war. No nation was master even within its own house. The increase in the military budget of a neighbor state forced an increase in the home budget, quite apart from home desires. A Balkan quarrel in which America on the other side of the world had little interest finally resulted in forcing peace-loving America into the sacrifice of countless of her men and of her money, to gain what? No land, no treasure, no economic privileges. To gain freedom alone—freedom to work out a nation's own destiny unimpeded by the sinister designs and selfish ambitions of other peoples. There is only one way in which such freedom can be obtained. Only through some international organization of society to suppress and curb the unjust and oppressive aggression of large states upon small or of combinations of the criminally minded upon the law abiding—only thus can national freedom and liberty ever come.

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THE BUGABOO ABOUT ARTICLE X

(Boston Herald, June 17)

A dangerous misconception has existed from the start in the minds of many Americans as to what is involved in Article 10 of the Covenant of the League of Nations, to which article Senator Johnson says, "It is unthinkable that any American can subscribe."

This article says: "The members of the league undertake to respect and preserve as against external aggression the territorial integrity and existing political independence of all members of the league. In case of any such aggression or in case of threat of danger of such aggression, the council shall advise on the means by which this obligation shall be fulfilled."

This means simply and solely that external aggression must end. It does not mean that boundary lines existing today or existing whenever the aggression occurs must be maintained. Nothing exists in the covenant which provides for the maintenance of the status quo. The framers of the covenant had no such absurd notion that a growing, constantly changing world should be rigidly preserved as it exists when the treaty is signed. There are numerous ways in which changes can be made without aggression: by purchase, interchange, or some kind of amicable agreement, especially if preceded by removal of economic barriers. There is only one way by which changes cannot be made—that is, by external aggression. When Senator Johnson asks, "Are ye ready, Americans to pledge your sons and your sons' sons to maintain and preserve for all time the present government of the little nations we are settling up in Europe?" he is conjuring up a ridiculous proposal never in the minds of the framers of the covenant. Radicals and reactionaries alike have

Sells Farm

C. E. Anderson sold his 320 acre farm a mile east of Roy Saturday to Mr. G. Williers and Son, who came here recently from Oklahoma, for a cash consideration of \$15.00 per acre and will give possession this fall. Mr. Anderson has at last admitted that he is growing too old to farm after more than sixty years continuous labor and the rearing of a large family and he will retire and take it easy in future.

This is one of the best farms on the mesa, well located and is worth more money than the purchase price. We congratulate Mr. Williers on his choice of a location and predict it is the best buy he ever made.

Mr. Williers is an old friend of T. R. Pint and has been stopping with him for a time.

Land Owners in Iowa are forced to boost rent to \$20. an acre for next year in order to meet the high cost of everything and get returns on their \$250.-an-acre land. This can but mean that many renters will have to quit the game there and a lot of good farmers will be forced out there. Why don't we get busy and get a lot of them here where they can have a chance to use their skill and talent as farmers to some advantage for themselves. There is room here for hundreds of good farmers at low rental or farms to buy at the price of a year's rent in Iowa.

Tom McGrath, was down from Mills, Saturday. He found the horses he advertised for last week and has them safe home again.

James Sullivan has moved again. His address is now East Clarkeburg, W. Va.

C. F. Wright wants his S-A. at Clovis, N. M. where he and his wife went recently to join a threshing crew. He is getting big wages as a separator man and she is in charge of a "Cook Shack" at a big salary they expect to clean up a thousand dollars this fall between them.

The rain that makes it difficult to harvest the wheat is making a record corn crop and insuring all summer crops. We have never seen a better prospect for Corn in any state of the middle west than we have here in They fields that have been properly tended.

Harry N. Wilcox left Saturday for his home in Denver after visiting his uncle W. H. Wilcox here.

Mrs. N. S. Brewer and son, left for California Saturday.

This week has been a rather busy week in the S-A. office and we will not be able to have much news, for only one man working it is some job.

Postmaster Johnson is getting some auto experience. He broke a rear axle on his "Saxon 6" the 4th at Solano, and has waited two weeks for a repair which cost him over \$8. besides the work of putting it in.

It looks like the same part of a Ford that costs \$2.50.

Business Change

Mr. Raven Bean has purchased the dairy herd and milk supply route from Mr. S. N. Brewer and has assumed charge of the business since last week. He has a fine little herd of dairy cows at Laguna Seca Ranch, two miles out and has a good business in supplying town people with fresh milk. Many persons bought cows during the time we were without a regular milkman but the business will soon increase. We were in error recently in reporting Mrs. Raven Bean as being a sister to George Ray, as she is not and George says it was not fair to the lady to say she was.

Mrs. Paul Plank was operated upon at the Plumlee hospital last Monday. She is reported as recovering nicely.

Mrs. Ernest Leatherman and son Raymond spent a few days last week, the guest of Mrs. I. S. Ogden, near Solano.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wilcox left Wednesday for a ten day's visit with relatives in Colo.

J. E. Wildman has donned straw hat and jeans and joined the ranks of the wheat harvesters. He is the sort that is both able and willing to do his share.

You probably noted last week that the S-A got out on time and was just as good as if the editor had been at home instead of out in the wheat fields. You will have considerable more of this if all goes as planned this fall. Ed.

The S-A. is indebted to W. R. Whitman for the first mess of green beans we have had this season. It was accompanied by some fine lettuce from his garden and is appreciated especially because of the friendship and thoughtfulness which prompted the gift.

Bennie Branch, Chief clerk at the Roy Post Office, is out "Heaving wheat" with T. R. Pint's header crew. Mrs. Johnson is substituting for him till his return.

The Base Ball game Sunday with Dawson was called off on account of the rain and mud and the excessive expense of getting them here.

The boys have decided to play local teams until they can get practical arrangements for some big games later when times are not so busy.

The Santa Fe New Mexican simply can't help getting right sometimes. For instance when it says editorially that the Senators represent "The Interests".

How dear to our heart is the steady subscriber Who pays in advance at the birth of each year. Who lays down the money and does it quite gladly. And casts round the office a halo of cheer.

He never says "Stop it; I cannot afford it. "I'm getting more papers than now I can read." But always says: "Send it; our people all like it—" "In fact, we all think it a help and a need."

How welcome his cheek when it reaches our sanctum. How it makes our pulse throb; how it makes our heart dance.

We outwardly thank him; we inwardly bless him— The steady subscriber who pays in advance.

Christian Church

O. W. Hearn will preach at Roy Sunday Evening on the subject: "Safe Guards of American Democracy".

The Basket Dinner will be postponed until Aug. 10th.